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# Engine Ailing? Call On Our Boat Dock-tors

Feeling a bit rusty lately? Does your hull need overhauling? Then call on our Boat Dock-tors, they're experts with a remedy for every sea-going ill.

We stopped in and spent an afternoon with the Dock-tors, over at their "office" located behind the Facilities Shops building in the North Service Area, nestled up against Bay Lake. Perhaps you know their office by the more common name . . . the **Dry Dock** area.

Dry Dock Supervisor **Bill Brown**

took us on a tour of their area. "In a general sense, if it free-floats, we fix it!" Bill pointed out. "All of the boats that operate on Bay Lake and Seven Seas Lagoon are maintained here. The only boats we do not work on are ones like the Jungle Cruise launches, paddle boats in the Rivers of America, and the like."

Bill explained that their "patients" include the three 120' ferry boats, *Magic Kingdom I*, *Magic Kingdom II* and *Kingdom Queen*; the two 100'

Osceola-class boats, *Ports-O-Call* and *Southern Seas*; the two 66' guest launches, *Bon Voyage* and *Castaways*; the six 43' guest launches; Security's *Friendship I*; numerous work boats, pontoon boats and water skiing boats; and the approximately 200 little Aqua Larks. Whew, what a list!

Dry Dock utilizes the skills of carpenters, painters, fiberglass and area mechanics craftspeople to keep our fleet afloat. We thought we'd introduce a few to you in these pages.



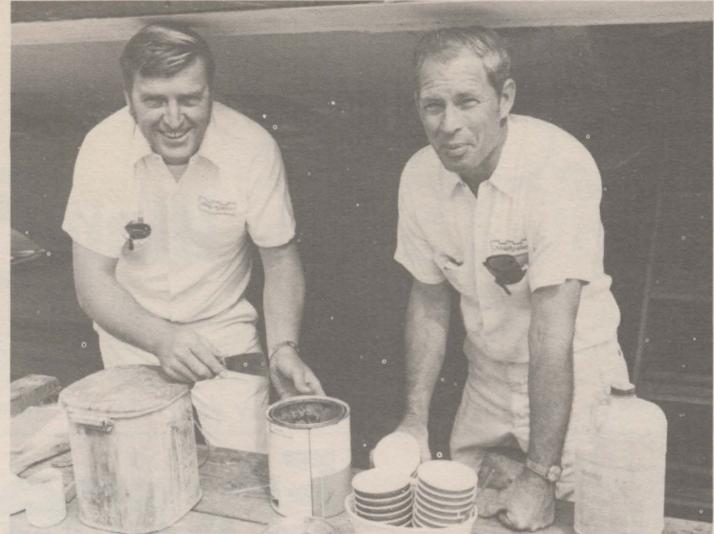
**Calvin Williams**, Painter, and Dry Dock Supervisor **Bill Brown**.



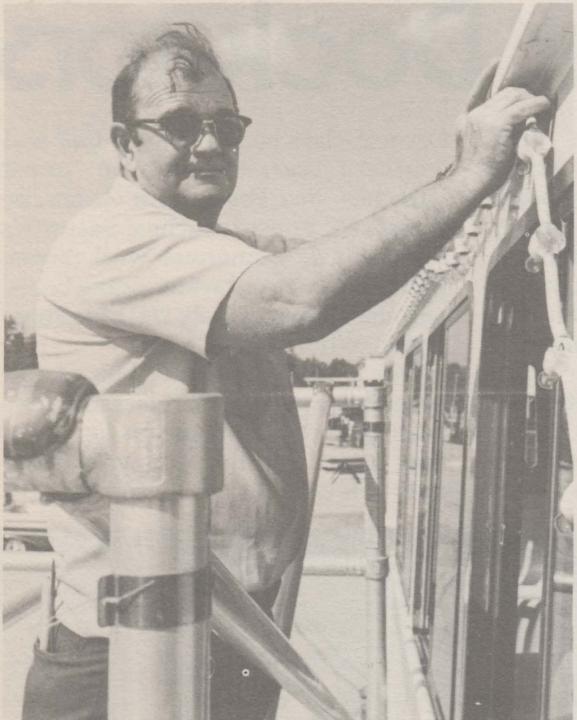
**Electrical Area Mechanic Henry Padgett** and **Mechanical Area Mechanic Travis Wood**.



*Area Mechanics Bob Ray, Al McCombs and Bobby Bagwell.*



*Fiberglass Mechanics Harry Traywick and Charlie Baker.*



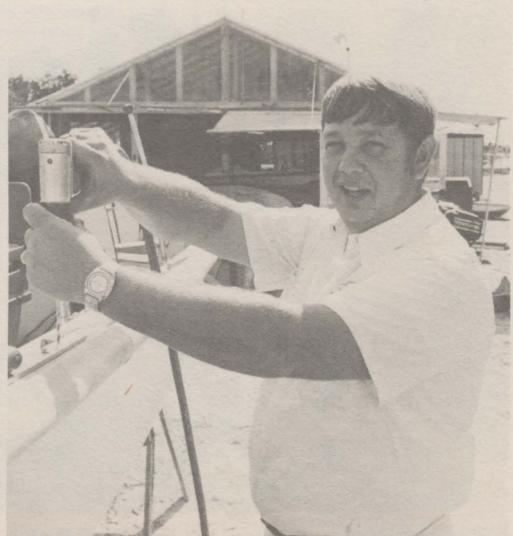
*Robert Smith, Area Mechanic.*



*Al States, Carpenter, and Dry Dock Assistant Supervisor Manuel Correia.*



*Electrical Area Mechanic Bob Brickner and Mechanical Area Mechanic Jack Haynes.*



*Fiberglass Mechanic George Cupsted.*

## FISHING TOURNEY A SPORTSMAN'S EVENT!

The recent Fishing Tournament was a real sportsman's event . . . especially since the **Sportsman's Association** sponsored it! Taking the First Place trophy (along with \$80 cash) for biggest bass was the team of **E.W. Smith** and his son, **Gary Smith**. Second Place and \$32 cash went to **Dave Missigman** and **Ron Duff**.

The tournament, held on February 26, sent Disney fishing teams across Big Lake Toho in Kissimmee, searching for those "big ones" it would take to win. But the really big, big ones were not to be found that day! The team of Smith & Smith captured First Place with a one pound, ten ounce Large Mouth Bass. Second Place was won by Missigman & Duff with another bass, weighing in at one pound, eight ounces.

Our congratulations go out to every participant.



*The winning half of each team that held the rod were (l-r) Dave Missigman, who took Second Place, and E.W. Smith, the First Place winner.*



*Winding up the tournament at the end of the day called for taking the boats off of Big Lake Toho. (All photos courtesy of Walt Swafford, Facilities Engineering.)*

## RIVER COUNTRY OPENING NEXT WEEK

Fort Wilderness' major attraction, **River Country**, will be re-opening next weekend after being closed during the Winter months for a rehab project. The attraction will open on a permanent basis beginning **Saturday, March 19**.

River Country will be operating on the following schedule this Spring and Summer:

March 19 thru April 1:

Saturday & Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm  
Monday thru Friday, 12 noon - 5 pm

April 2 thru April 17:

Sunday thru Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

**April 18 thru June 3:**

Saturday & Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm  
Monday thru Friday, 12 noon - 5 pm

**June 4 thru September 5:**

Sunday thru Saturday, 10 am - 10 pm

In addition, the Fort Wilderness steam trains will no longer be utilized as the only means of transportation to and from River Country for our guests staying outside Fort Wilderness, but will continue to operate on an "attraction only" basis. Buses and similar transportation will be utilized to carry guests from the River Country parking lot at the Fort Wilderness entrance to the attraction.

## DONALD STUMPS THE SCIENTISTS

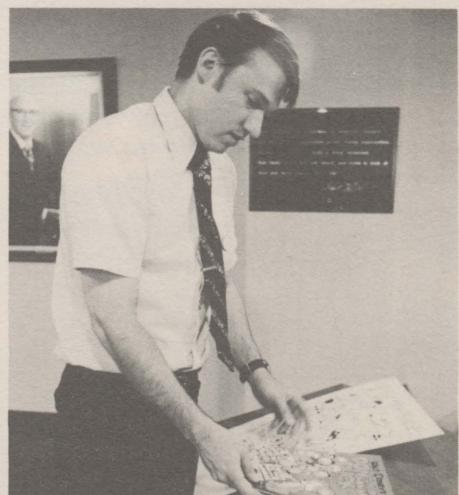
In 1964, a ship carrying 6,000 sheep sank in Kuwait Harbor, near the Persian Gulf. It was estimated at that time that it would take six months to salvage the vessel. Since the city of Kuwait pumped its drinking water from the harbor, it was essential to remove the decaying sheep from the water in a shorter period than six months.

A Danish inventor, Karl Kryer, discovered a way and accomplished the task in only six weeks! He took his revolutionary method to the Patent Office afterwards, but upon researching it, the Office denied him a patent . . . because of Donald Duck.

In the mid-1960's, the Studio received several letters from leading chemical scientists throughout the world pointing out the fact that Donald Duck, in 1944, found the answer to a chemical compound that had stumped scientists for years. Some 20 years after Donald brought the formula to light, it was "officially" discovered.

Donald blocks a patent . . . Donald discovers a formula . . . what in the world are we talking about? Well, the answers are included in the new display on **Carl Barks**, located in the archives cases in **The Center** lobby.

Carl Barks wrote and illustrated Donald Duck and Uncle Scrooge comic books for some 23 years for Walt Disney Productions. Today, he is regarded by avid collectors as one of the best. A display of some of his work . . . and the answers to the above questions . . . is now open for viewing.



**Russell Schroeder** of Design & Development Department is pictured here assembling the Carl Barks display for the archives cases.

You are cordially invited  
to attend a  
**Windjammer Cruise Travel Day**  
Wednesday, March 16  
4 to 7 p.m.  
Cast Activities

An Open House will be held Wednesday, March 16, from 4 to 7 pm in Cast Activities for a sneak preview of our Windjammer Cruise to the Windward Islands.

You'll see Windjammer movies and receive brochures to map out the travel routes. Our Cast Activities Windjammer Crew Leader will also be present to answer any questions about the trip, which departs Orlando on Monday, May 30 and returns on Sunday, June 5. Cost is \$495 per person, and deadline for reservations and deposit of \$134 is March 31.

See you at the Windjammer Sneak Preview.



### FORT WILDERNESS SETTING UP NEW TRAILERS

By: Vern Conner, EYES & EARS Area Reporter

In a contract with Fleetwood Enterprises, **Fleetwood Trailers** have become the official travel trailer of Walt Disney World, replacing the older Airstreams.

Much like the Airstreams, the **Terry Trailers** will rent for up to seven-days at a time, and come equipped with color TV, stereo, pots, pans, dishes, dishwasher, and even daily maid service.

One big difference, however, will be in the size. The **Terry Trailers** are the largest available; they're 35 feet long with a section that slides out to give greater livingroom and bedroom area.

For more information on rates and availability, please call our Central Reservations Office (CRO) at 824-8000.



### PINE FORESTS BEING PLANTED HERE

On January 14, 1977, the EYES & EARS carried a front page story, headlined "Fighting Fire With Fire". In that particular article, we covered the story behind the digging of fire breaks across our 27,500 acres of property and the burning-off of some 300 acres this year for planting pine forests and green belts.

Last week we received a call from **Kathy Shannon**, an Environmental Associate with the Environmental Protection Department, to tell us that they had almost completed planting all 300 acres. Our roving camera hustled over to the planting site across from Fort Wilderness' entrance for a look.



**Kathy Shannon** (l) and **Preston Merrick** (r), an Environmental Associate with the Reedy Creek Pollution Control Department, talk to a planter, almost hidden from view behind his buckets of tree seedlings yet to be planted. Kathy told us that it would be one to two years before the seedlings grow enough to look like the beginnings of a forest.



A planter rides on a small wheeled trolley pulled behind the powerful tractors. On each side is a bucket holding the seedlings. A sharp disc just in front of him opens a trough in the ground, he sticks in a seedling, then the two wheels he's riding on closes the trough.

## DESIGNER'S SHOW HOUSE

The Opera Gala Guild of the Florida Symphony every year sponsors the Designer's Show House, a Central Florida fund raising event for the Florida Symphony. And this year, Buena Vista Interiors is a participant.

The Opera Guild each year chooses a large Orlando area home of historic value for their Show House. Then each room is decorated by a different interior decorating firm for viewing, with the admission fee going to the Symphony. This year's Show House is the O'Neal Home at 614 South Lake Avenue in Orlando.

The House will open to the public on **Monday, March 14**, through **Sunday, April 3**. The hours of operation will be:

- **Monday-Saturday** - 10 am to 4 pm
- **Sundays** - 1 pm to 5 pm
- **Wednesday Evenings** - 7 pm to 9:30 pm

On Designer Night and Designer Sunday, the interior designer and/or their representatives will be in their rooms to answer questions. These dates are:

- **Designer Night** - Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm to 9:30 pm
- **Designer Sunday** - Sunday, March 27, 1 pm to 5 pm

Luncheon is also served Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm in the Tearoom, with informal modeling of Spring fashions from participating shops.

Tickets are \$3.50 at the door and entitle you to five visits through the House. Advanced tickets are being sold **through March 12** at all local ticket agencies for \$3. For further ticket information, call Mrs. McComas at 834-7458.



## FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

### "THE LOVE BUG IS BACK!"

Our next feature at the Family Film Festival will be "Herbie Rides Again" starring Helen Hayes, Keenan Wynn, Ken Barry and Stefanie Powers.

Show times are:

March 16, Wednesday - Pacific Room,  
7 pm  
March 19, Saturday - Fiesta Fun Center,  
1 pm  
March 20, Sunday - Pacific Room, 3 pm  
March 20, Sunday - Pacific Room, 7 pm  
March 21, Monday - Pacific Room, 7 pm  
March 22, Tuesday - Pacific Room, 7 pm  
March 23, Wednesday - Pacific Room,  
7 pm  
March 25, Friday - Pacific Room, 7 pm

These rooms are located in the Contemporary Resort. Tickets will be available for cast members and their families at Cast Activities, beginning **Friday, March 11**.

## CAST ACTIVITIES TICKET CENTER

Cast Activities currently has tickets available for the following Central Florida events:

**Johnny Cash** - Thursday, March 17 - Lakeland Arena - 8 pm - \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50 reserved

### HOLIDAY ON ICE LAKELAND CIVIC CENTER

**Tuesday, March 22**

7:30 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

**Wednesday, March 23**

7:30 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50  
(Children 12 & under \$1 off)

**Thursday, March 24**

7:30 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50  
(Children 12 & under \$1 off)

**Friday, March 25**

3:30 pm - \$4, \$5, \$6

7:30 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

**Saturday, March 26**

2 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

(Children 12 & under \$1 off)

7:30 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

**Sunday, March 27**

2 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

6 pm - \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50

(Children 12 & under \$1 off)



## CLUB INFORMATION

### SPORTSMAN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Sportsman's Association will have a "Father and Son and Daughter" Fishing Tournament Saturday, **March 26**, from 8 am to 12 pm or 1 pm to 5 pm at Lake Mabel. The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 24, and the entry fee is \$5 per fishing team. Boats are available to borrow, but they will be used on a first come first served basis on the tournament. So, hurry up and register at Cast Activities!

### BASIC SCUBA CLASS STARTS MONDAY

A Basic Scuba Class will begin on **Monday, March 14**, at 7 pm in Stage I of the Disney University in the Center Building.

The class will meet two nights a week, Monday and Wednesday or Thursday, and will prepare you for NAUI Certification. The total cost, including scuba equipment, text books, and three open water dives, is \$40.

### DIVE CLUB SWIMS WITH MANATEES

The Dive Club has been busy with recent trips to Boynton Beach, the St. John's River in East Palatka and Crystal River. Highlights of these trips included bringing up turn of the century artifacts from zero visibility off the St. John's and swimming with manatees (sea cows) at Crystal River.

Those persons planning to go on the **Jamaica Dive Trip April 22 to April 29** are reminded that the deadline for your deposit of \$102.50 is Tuesday, March 15. The balance of the \$429 fee is due March 22. Both are payable at Cast Activities.

The next Dive Club meeting is **Tuesday, March 22**, at 7:30 pm at the Sandwich Shop in Turkey Lake Shopping Plaza on Kirkman Road.



## SPORTS

### SOCER GOALS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

All persons really interested in getting this sport off the ground are asked to report any Saturday to Little Lake Bryan to help in construction of "mini" goals, field clearing, and a little "kicking the oblate speroid around". Bring tools and muscles.

### WDW BOWLING LEAGUE TO BEGIN IN KISSIMMEE

Cast Activities is taking the names of all employees and their dependents who want to join a new league forming in Kissimmee at the soon-to-open **Kissimmee Bowling Lanes**. The **Kissimmee Summer League** will begin the first week of June.

Please call Cast Activities at extension 4254 or stop by and leave the following information: name, unofficial average, work location, work extension, home phone, best night of the week (Monday thru Saturday), best time (6:30-9:00 or 9:00-11:00) and whether or not you wish to receive bowling instruction.

### SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS MONDAY

We have just completed "show-up" week in this still young season, with regular season schedules beginning next **Monday, March 14th**. All team managers and captains are asked to call Cast Activities for names of individual players who are looking for a spot on a team. We have names of various individuals who want to play ball.

### MARATHON OF ST. PATRICK

The big date is **Saturday, March 19**. All confirmed participants should report to the locker rooms at Little Lake Bryan to change for the event at 9 am. Then report for pre-event briefing and check-in on the Recreation Building's screened porch area facing the lake. Here you will be issued your meet number which will serve to identify your division, and final placing and time for the event.

Shuttle transportation will begin departing from the Lake Bryan parking lot at 9:30 am with a tentative starting time for the event of 10:30 am or earlier (if all confirmed runners are checked in). Starting Line for the event is at the intersection of Starway Drive and Sea Harbor Drive, located between Sea World and Stars Hall of Fame.

Cast Activities is now calling all of our employees who signed up. You can help us by calling Cast Activities, if you have signed up early and since changed your location. Also, if we get enough runners in the older, "flat-footed" group, we'll insert another division . . . Men 40 years and over.

Remember, all participants will receive a certificate testifying to their completion and/or survival in this event. And, you may practice on the course this Saturday and Sunday, from 11 am until dusk, with our newly refurbished lockers and showers available for your use. The course is marked in one-half mile sections, so all we need is you.



### EASTER CAST BEING HIRED

We have begun interviewing and hiring cast members for **Casual Temporary positions over the Easter Holidays**, as a heavy influx of tourists is anticipated for that two-week period.

If any of your friends or members of your family are interested in joining our Easter cast, please have them visit our employment office, located in the Casting building, before April 3.

**Casting** is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 am to 6 pm. For more information, please call extension 4088.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

'74 Super Beetle. AM/FM stereo, 4-speed, A/C, under coating, 4 new tires. \$2800. 904-394-2240.

'68 Dodge Monaco. 4 door, A.T., runs well, looks good. \$550. Call 898-2464.

'75 Dodge Van. A/C, AM/FM radio, radial tires, 318 V-8, heavy duty suspension, 12,000 miles. Excellent condition. Call after 6 pm 876-3102.

'70 Vette 454. 4 speed T-top, A/C, P.S. & brakes, tilt & telescopic. Good gas mileage. Must sell \$3900 or best offer. Call 855-0359 or 859-1695.

'71 Dodge Dart Swinger. V-8, A/C, P/S, A/T, only 54,000 miles. \$1250. Call 898-8176.

'73 Fort Ltd. Brougham. 2 door, AM/FM stereo radio & tape deck, special crome rims, PS/PB, A/C, tilt steering wheel. \$2000. Call 828-7273.

'72 Honda CL350. Black & crome, luggage rack, electric start, special pipes. First \$400 call 828-7273.

'73 Vega GT. AT, A/C, AM/FM radio, new engine w/steel sleeves. New valve job, new water pump. Excellent condition. Less than 700 miles on engine. \$1200. 813-956-3339 after 5 pm.

'70 VW Bug. Good mechanical. \$850 firm. 656-2932.

'72 Red Datsun, 1200 Coupe, 4 speed, 54,000 miles, excellent mpg, super road car, dual cone Pioneer speakers. \$1,400, call evenings 855-2989.

'70 Chevelle Malibu. 500 miles on new engine (has papers), new tires/air/power steering. Must sell. \$950 or best offer. Call 847-0809.

'73 Honda Civic. \$900. 36 mpg. Call 857-3575.

'67 Chevy. 6 cyl., automatic, good tires, excellent condition. \$550 or best offer. Call 892-5373 in St. Cloud.

'72 Mazda RX3. Air, disc brakes, 4 speed, good condition. \$950. Call 299-7003 nights or 299-1325 days.

'72 Matador, blue & white, 6 cyl., 4 door. Good condition. Credit Union approved. \$1,100. Call Lee at 859-1026 or leave message at 423-8531.

'72 Blazer 4X4. New engine, trans., brakes, and tires w/mags, tach, pipe bumper, truss bar, headers, hi use and 780 Holley. \$3500. Call Dave after 6 pm at 896-6640.

1/6 interest in Cesna 172 plane. \$1,800. Hangar at Kissimmee airport. Call 846-6261 in Kissimmee.

For Sale: 29 gal. fish tank w/metal stand. \$30. Call 299-3308.

Bell & Howell movie camera & projector: Focus-Matic 671-XL Zoom Movie Camera & Double Feature 1641 projector with built in screen. Used only 4 times. Originally \$370 asking \$270. Call 298-2141 after 7 weekdays.

Vinyl couch and chair - black \$50, dining room table and 2 chairs \$20. Call Bob at 656-5845.

Child seat for bicycle \$8. Call 298-4867 after 5 pm.

Toy Fox Terrier Puppies, U.K.C. registered. \$75. 834-2586.

Garage door: 2 car 16'x17' wooden door w/windows. All hardware included. Good shape. Any reasonable offer accepted. Call 293-4503.

For Sale: Stove (white) in excellent condition \$75. Leave message at 896-2074.

Guitar lessons. 275-1209 after 4 pm.

Wanted: Farm gate, utility shed, pitcher spout pump and post hole digger. Call 892-5373.

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